

# **The Department of Housing and Community Development**

## **Report to the California Building Standards Commission 12-05**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has developed a workplan timeline that provides for the development of proposed California codes to meet the May, 2006, submittal date established by the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC). The workplan is designed as a two-step process that permits code development utilizing the 2003 International Codes in the first step, followed by integration of the initial code development into the 2006 International Codes when they become available. Additional activity related to code development also will occur, as described below.

HCD has completed a draft of proposed regulations based on the 2003 IBC and has provided a copy of the initial Express Terms to the focus group and other interested parties, including the chairs of the State Fire Marshal's group R workgroups. HCD has received a draft copy of the 2006 IBC and is in the preliminary stages of review.

HCD has continued to participate in the three workgroups established by the CBSC that are designed to coordinate efforts of the participating state agencies. The workgroups currently established are the General Design/Accessibility, Structural Safety, and Fire Safety workgroups. Additionally, HCD has assigned staff to participate on the core committee established by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the development process established by the Division of State Architect.

HCD is committed to coordinating its efforts with stakeholders as well. HCD has held two focus group meetings to date, the first was on October 12, 2005, and the other on December 2, 2005. HCD anticipates holding several more focus group meetings in the coming weeks. Obtaining input from stakeholders and interested parties in the early stages of code development will help minimize stakeholder concerns that can occur during the adoption phase of the rulemaking cycle.

Additionally, based on the International Code Council's (ICC) commitment to provide a web-based code development program, HCD has allotted time within its workplan to perform tasks that are feasible to assist the CBSC in shortening preparation time of the monograph for public review and publication of the final document.

While the workplan timeline is aggressive, HCD is currently on pace to meet the May, 2006, submittal date. Target dates have been placed within our workplan timeline to facilitate this commitment and provide "milestones" of HCD's progress.